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## USDA Rural Development Offers Office Hours in Mercer County

Morgantown, WV – February 9, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III has announced that the Princeton Rural Development Office has recently moved from its location on Gott Road to 241 Mercer Springs Road, Suite A, Princeton, WV 24740. That office is now located in the Forestry Building, just off Exit 14 of I-77 at the Athens exit.

Rural Development will be available in the USDA Service Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Representatives will be available to discuss Rural Development (RD) programs with the public, take applications and assist existing customers. Contact information for the Princeton office is as follows: telephone number is 304.487.1402; fax 304.425.0695; TTY/TDD 304.284.4836.

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